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MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on the Establishment of Cover for
the BGFIEND Vessel.

1. An appointment having been previously arranged by []
[] on 5 September I went to Baltimore with []
to discuss with [] Vice-President of [] Company
of that city, whether he would be willing to offer his services as a
cut-out in the incorporation of a cover company which could charter
and operate the BGFIEND vessel. [] had already been security
cleared through [] office.)

2. [] indicated, after an initial conversation with []
and myself, that although he had a great many other obligations at this
time, he wished and felt it his duty to assist VLKiva in every way in
this matter.

3. Having secured this commitment, I then brought into the
discussion and introduced the following interested people who had been
waiting in another room: [] (who would be the cover company's
representative aboard). [] (the present cut-out owner of the
vessel), and [] (who will be our liaison channel with
in setting up the company).

4. A general discussion then ensued in which the following points
of agreement were reached:

a. That [] would retain a Baltimore lawyer, Mr. C. Keating
Bowie, to incorporate []
Institute in the State of Maryland.

b. That an immediate clearance would be initiated for Bowie
by [] which would permit use of the lawyer's office address
as the official address of [] and which would enable him
to receive the minimum of operational information required in
order to set up the company in a manner which will truly protect
VLKiva interests. Biographical information was secured on Bowie
and given to []. It is hoped that an appropriate clearance
can be received and telephoned to [] by 8 September.

c. That, in view of [] other heavy responsibilities,
[], an executive of [] Company and,
until six months ago an employee of CIA, would also be cleared
through []. [] could carry most of the burden
for [] in conveying VLKiva instructions to Mr. Bowie and in

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coordinating the incorporation. [] would eventually be appointed Secretary/Treasurer of the Company.

d. That the Directors of the company should be:

1. [] President?
2. [] (pseudonym)
3. [] (pseudonym)
4. [] (pseudonym)

e. That by 30 September all details on incorporation should have been completed including the printing of letterheads, the issue of bona fide stock to the Directors, the chartering of the vessel from [] (including an actual transfer of funds), and the establishment of a bank account in Baltimore for Mediterranean Marine through which funds to pay personnel aboard and to operate the vessel would be transferred regularly to a [] bank against which [] could draw. [] could then account to [] covertly for the expenditure of these funds.)

f. [] will follow the agreements closely and endeavor to complete them in accordance with the above schedule.

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